(ग) राज्य सरकार को ऐसी कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Returns on PSU investment

*175. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the last ten years, the 240 Centrally owned PSEs have never earned returns more than 5% of the capital invested; and

(b) if so, whether it is not advisable to privatise these and use such sale proceeds for development of infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir. In 1995-96, the net return on capital employed in 239 operating enterprises has been 5.68%.

(b) Does not arise

Reduction in Quota of Rice, Wheat and Sugar to Orissa and TPDS

*176. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a sharp reduction in the monthly and quarterly quota of rice, wheat and sugar to Orissa in the current year under the Targeted Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the allocation made to that State from January to July this year (month-wise) and also during the same period in 1996;

(c) the reasons for decline of wheat and other foodgrain quota under TPDS to Orissa during the current year;

(d) whether there is any proposal to make additional allocation of wheat to Orissa during the remaining months of 1997; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to enhance allocation during the remaining months of the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. As per norms adopted and applied for allocation of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), there has been a reduction in the monthly allocation of Rice and Wheat to Orissa with effect from the month of June, 1997. There is no reduction in the allocation of sugar.

(b) The details are given in the Statement. *(See* below).

(c) In order to make the Public Distribution System more targeted, it was decided to arrive at the figures of allocation on the basis of actual offtake of foodgrains during the last 10 years. Based on the above formulation, allocations were worked out for the States. The total allocation to the State is 426.45 thousand tonnes per annum fixed on the basis of the average annual lifting in the State during the last 10 years. The entire allocation is being given as Rice as requested by the State Government.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. However, if a request is received from the State for part allocation of wheat from within the overall allocation to the State, Government of India shall consider it favourably.

On the request of Govt. of Orissa the State has been allotted 20,000 metric tonnes of Rice per month for 5 months (June-October, 1997) to tide over the difficulty arising out of drought in the State.